

FINNISH LESSONS

Why are Finnish Students so Smart?

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What is Finland?

SURVIVAL

1790

EUROPE
ON THE EVE OF THE YEAR
AFTER THE SEVEN YEARS
PARTITION OF POLAND
CONQUEST OF THE CRI
HAPSBURG LOSS OF NAP
1788 A.D.

1900

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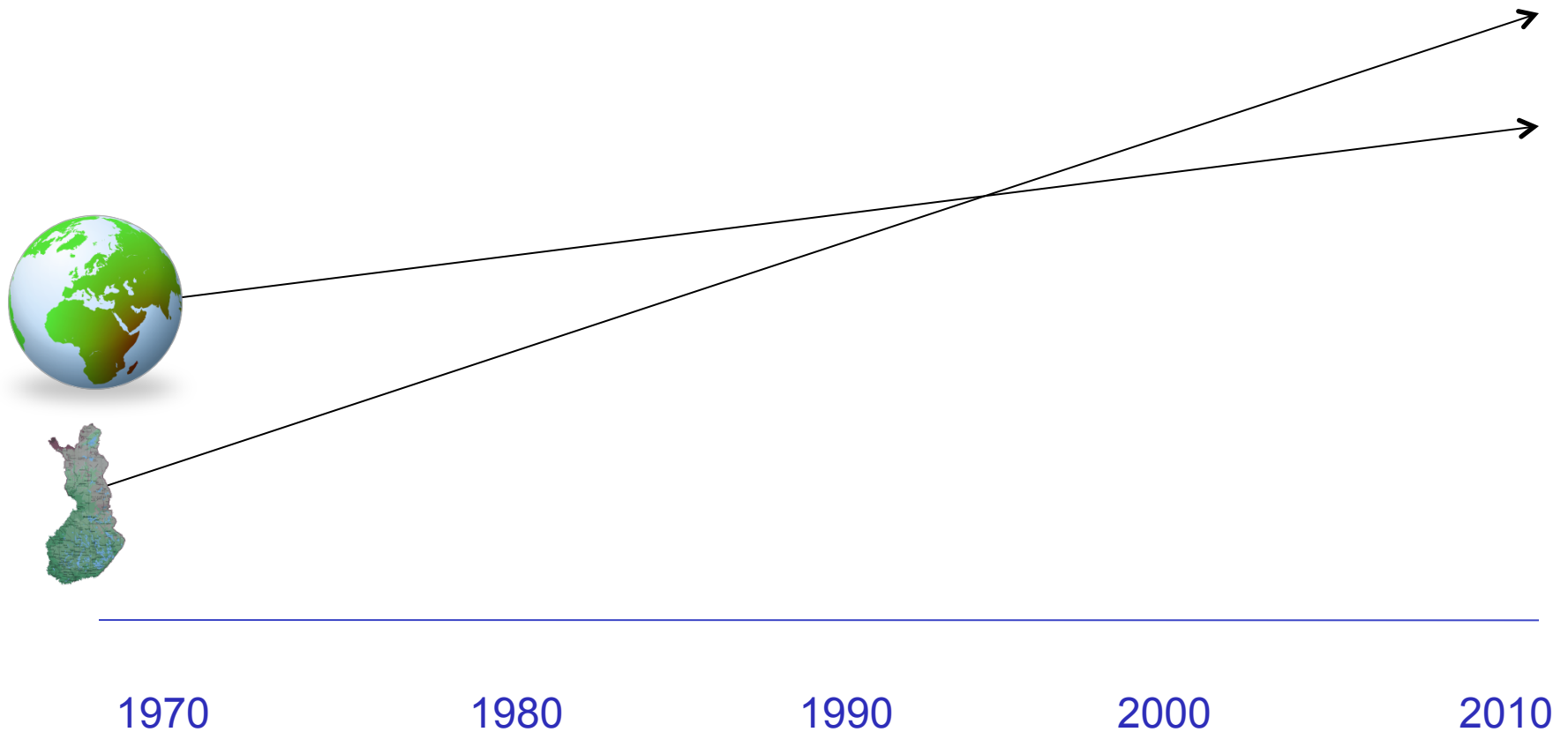
2010

Between the West and the East

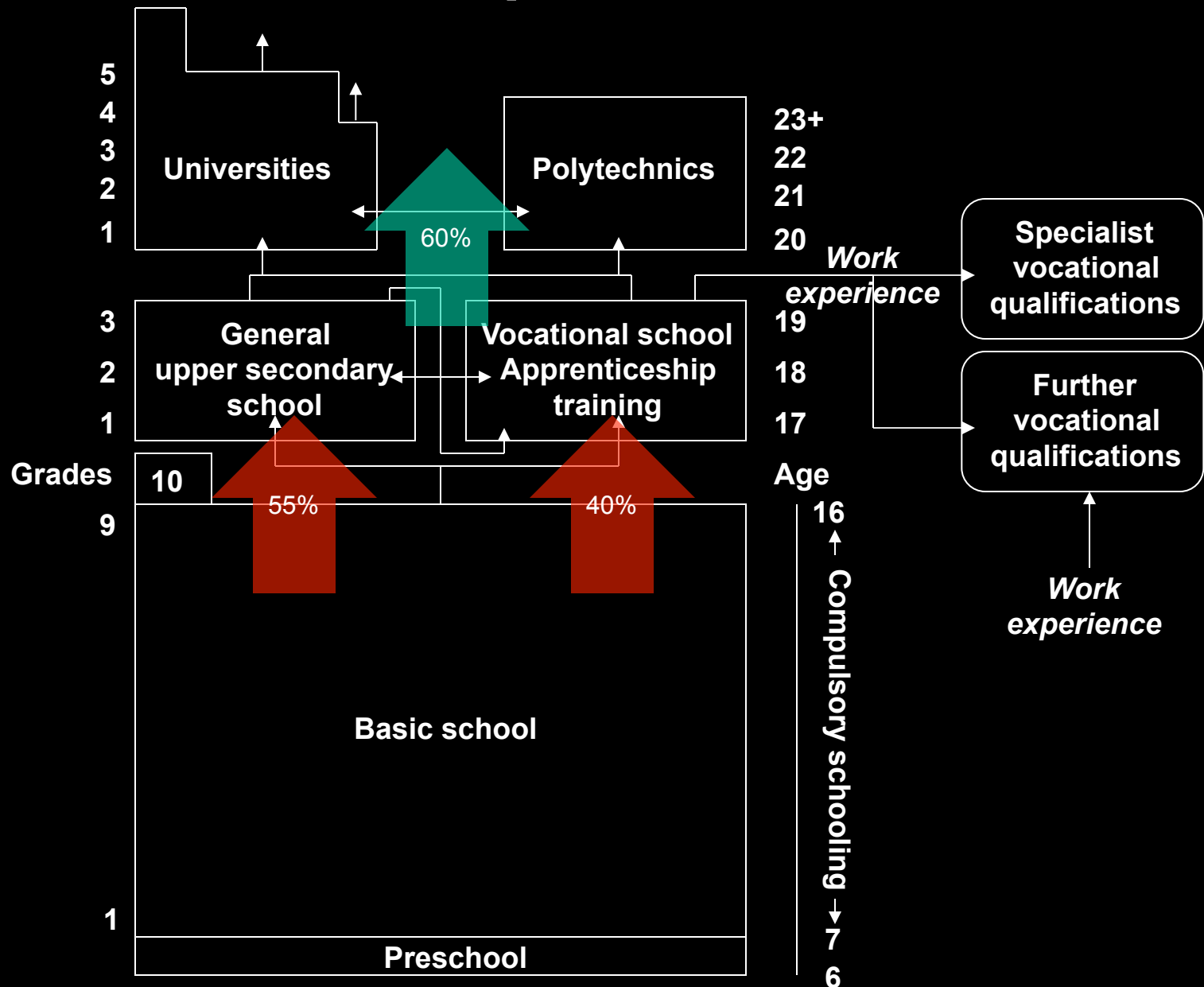
Education in Finland

Education system performance over time in Finland and developed nations

Learning, Participation, Equity, and Efficiency

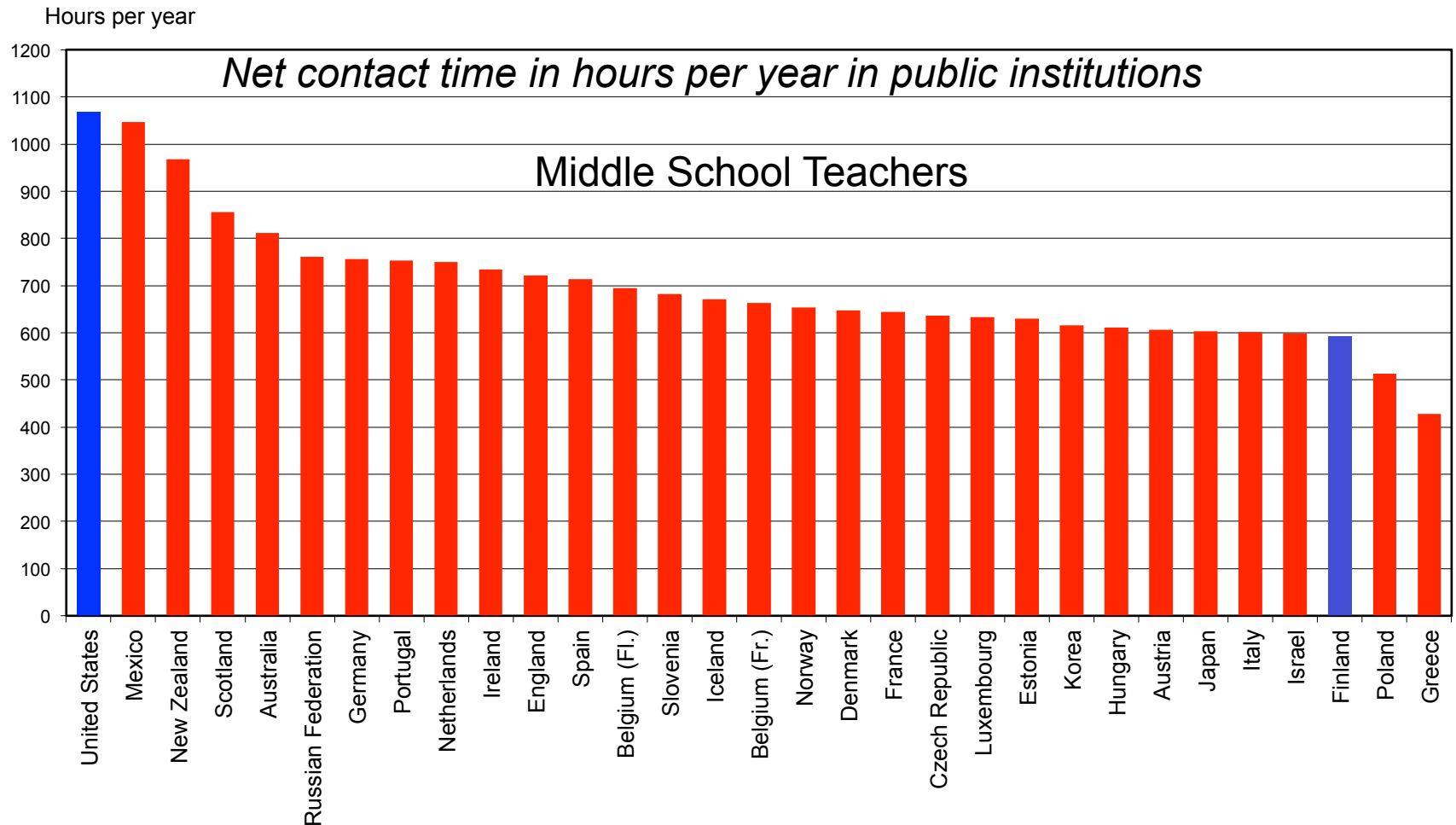


Education system in 2011

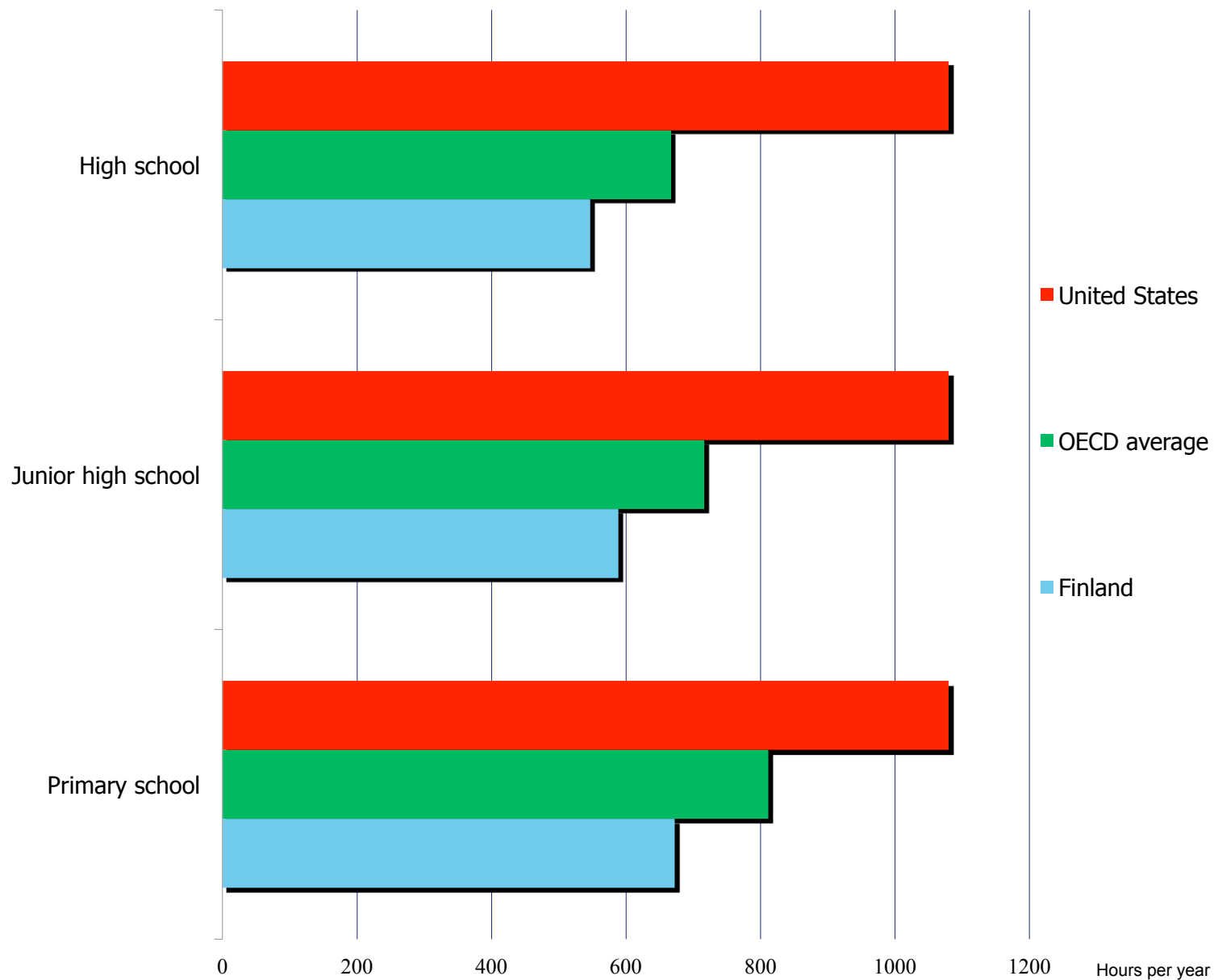


The Finnish Way 1: Less is Better

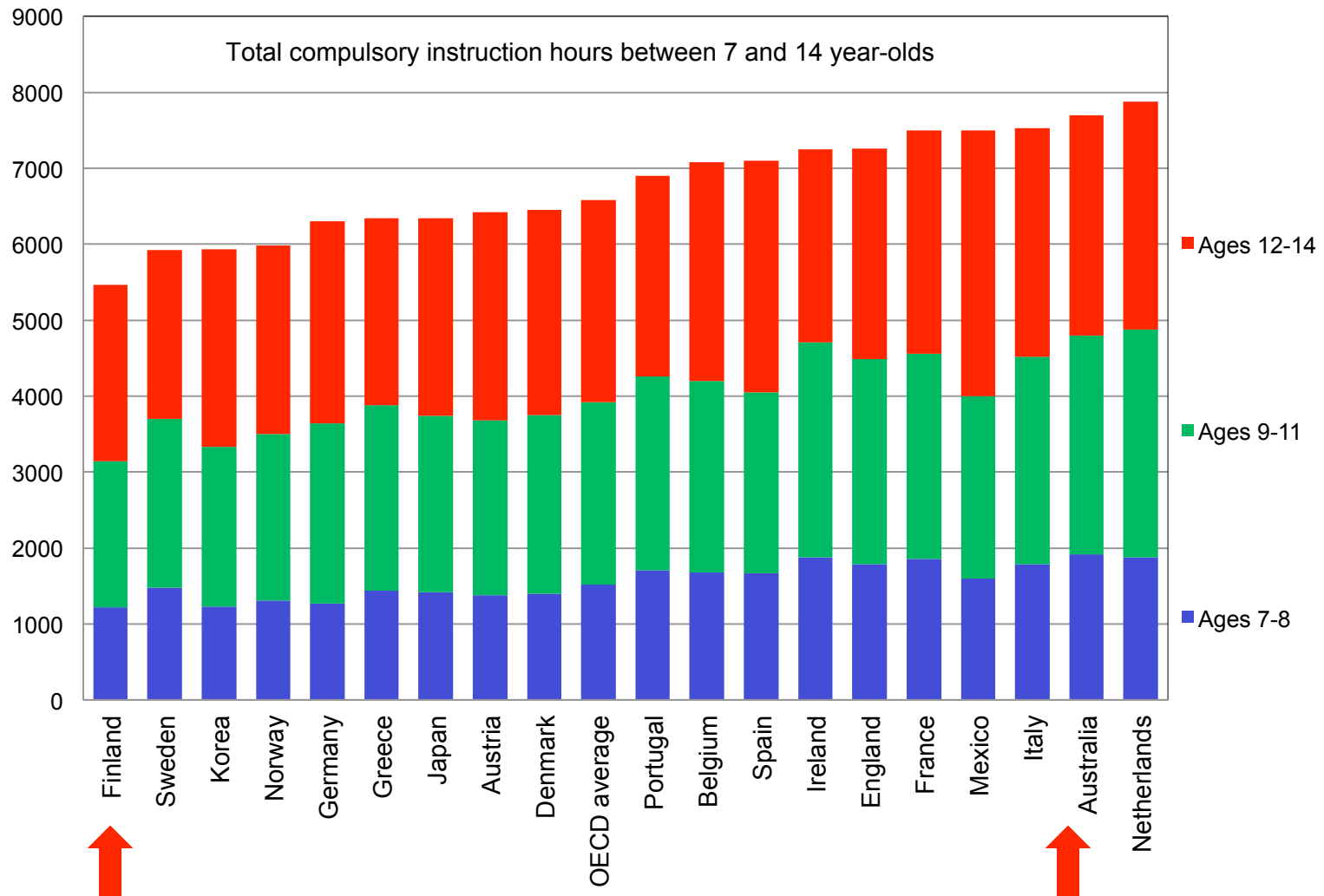
Finnish teachers teach less...



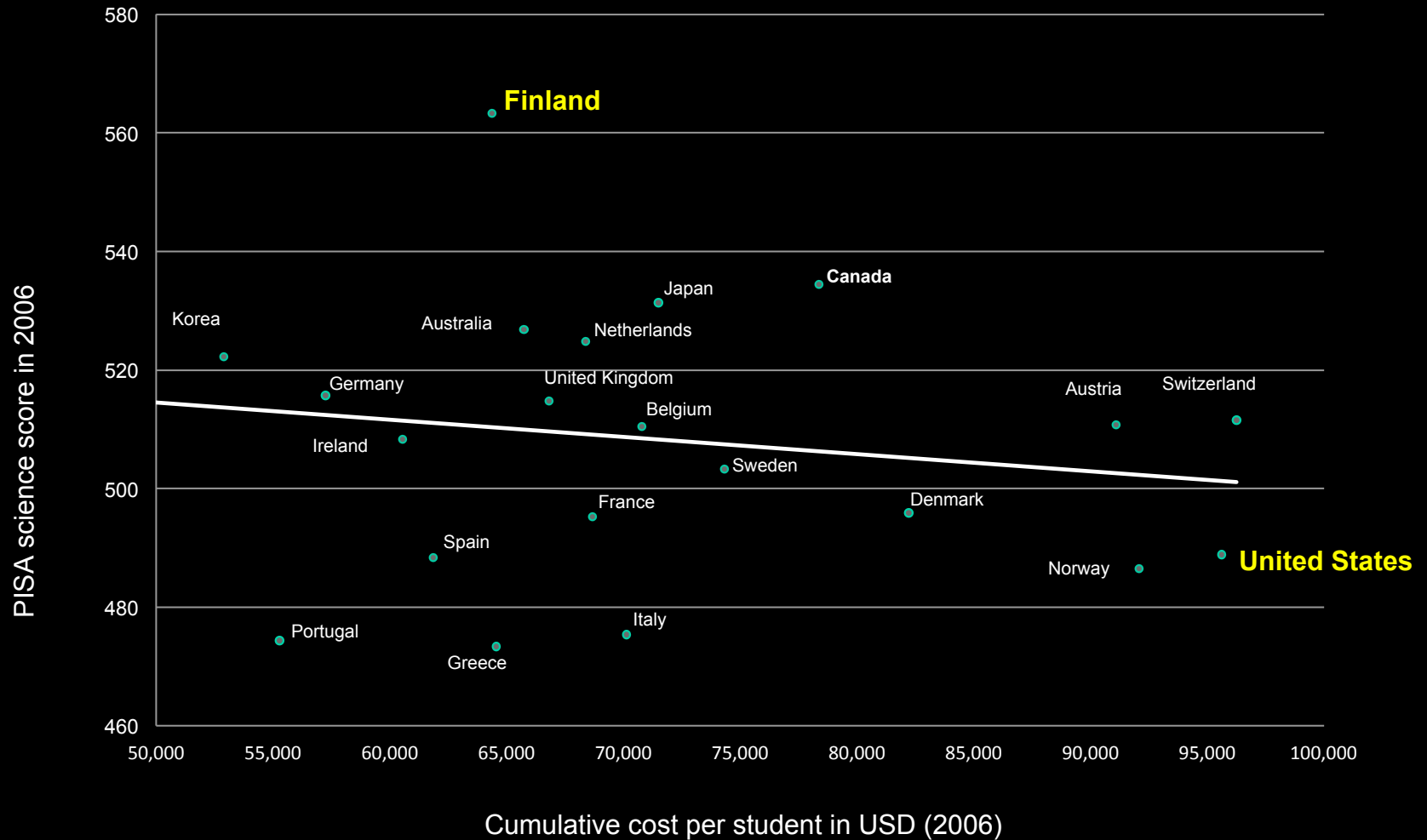
...at all levels of schooling



Finnish pupils study less



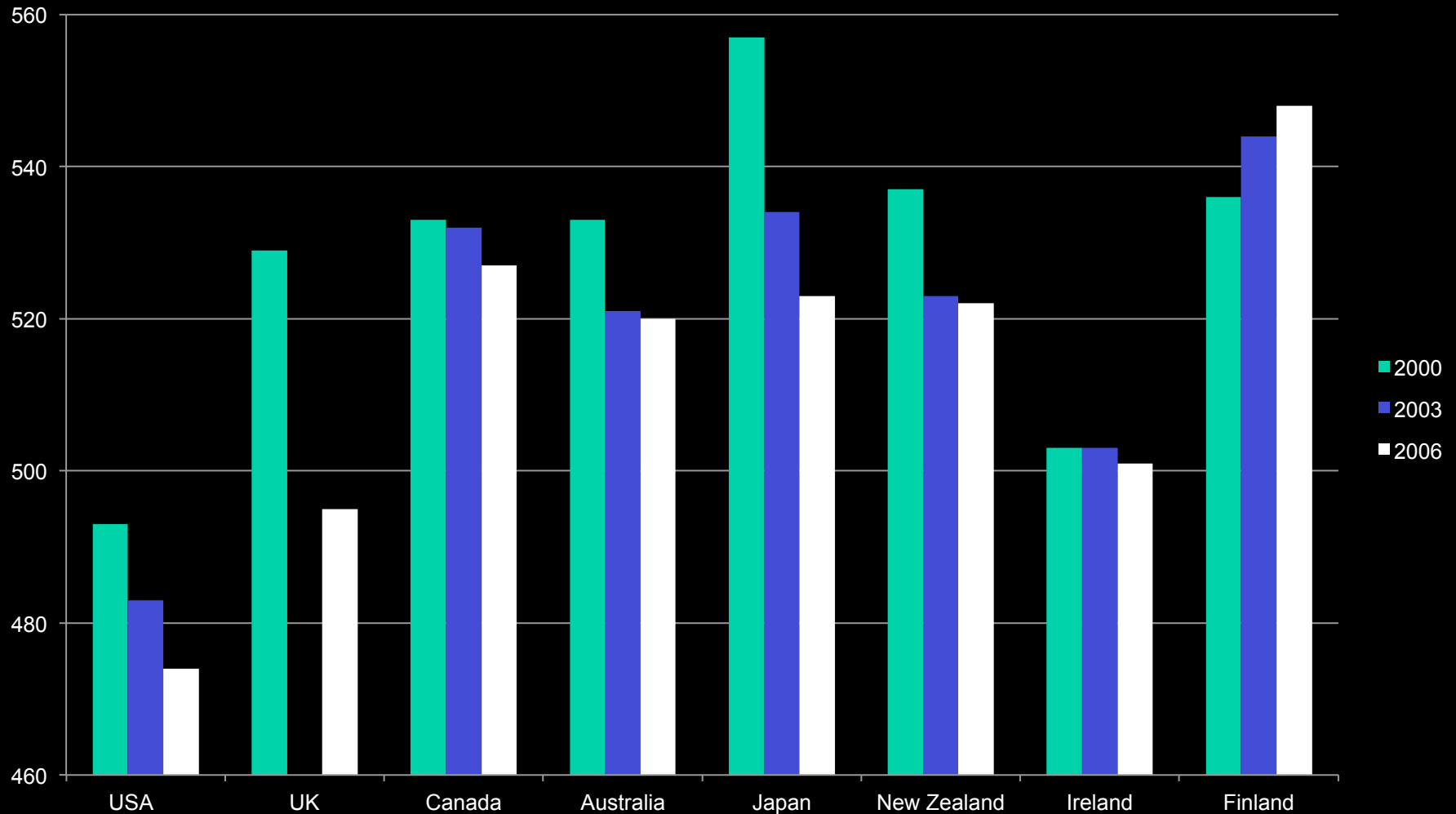
Student achievement costs less



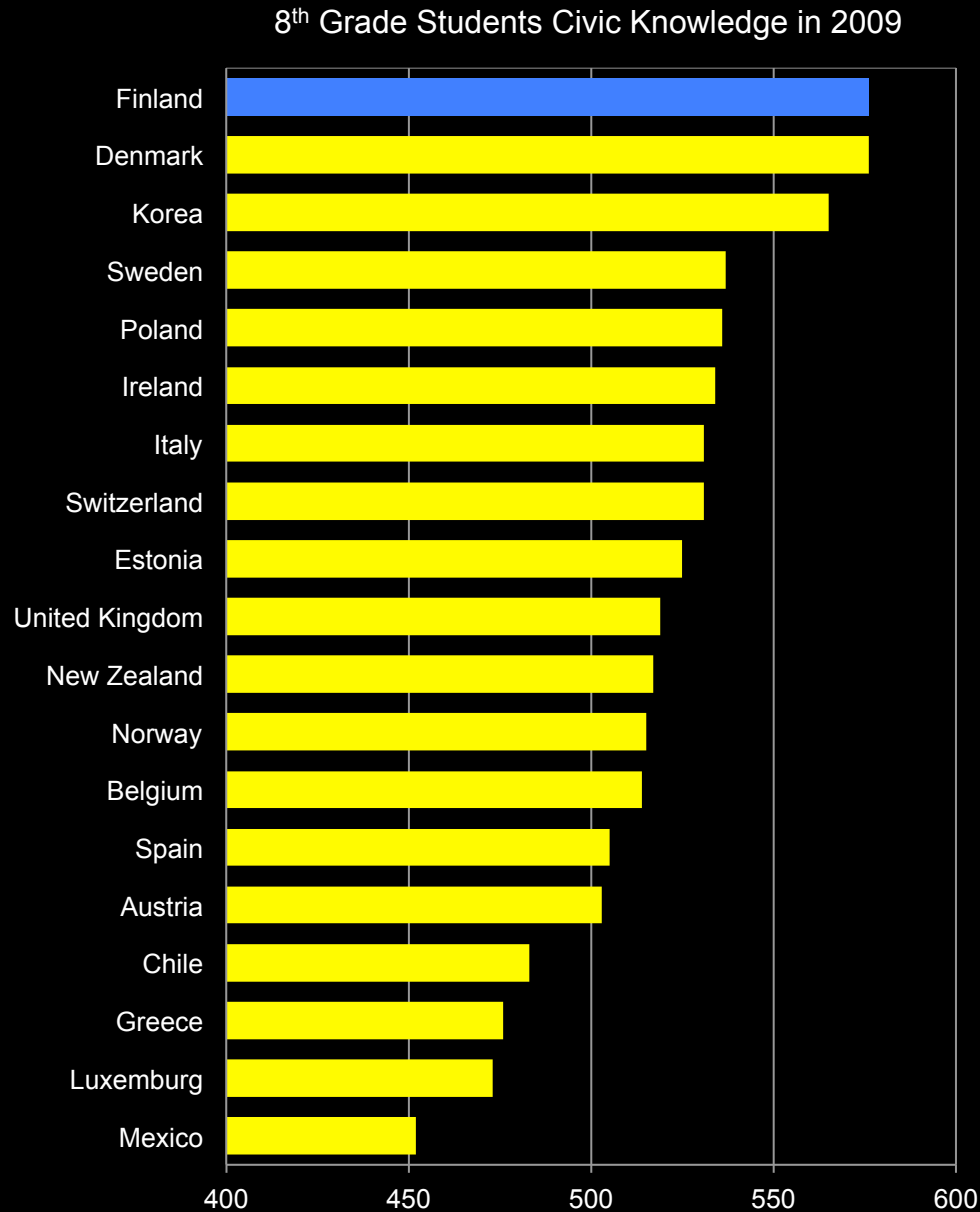
The Finnish Way 2: Test Less, Learn More

Finnish Students are Tested Less

National averages of 15-year-old students learning outcomes in mathematics 2000-06

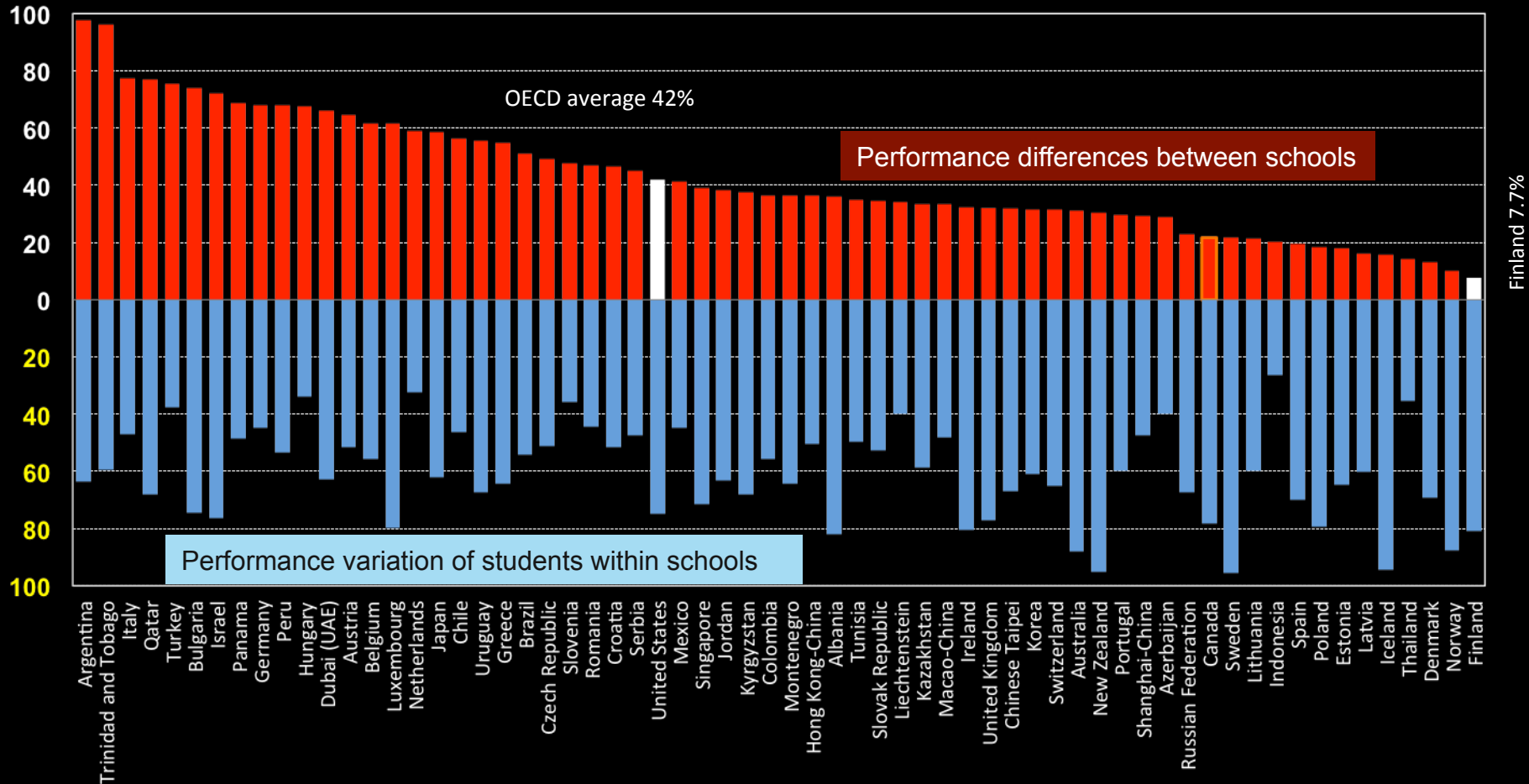


Finnish students are good in social studies, too



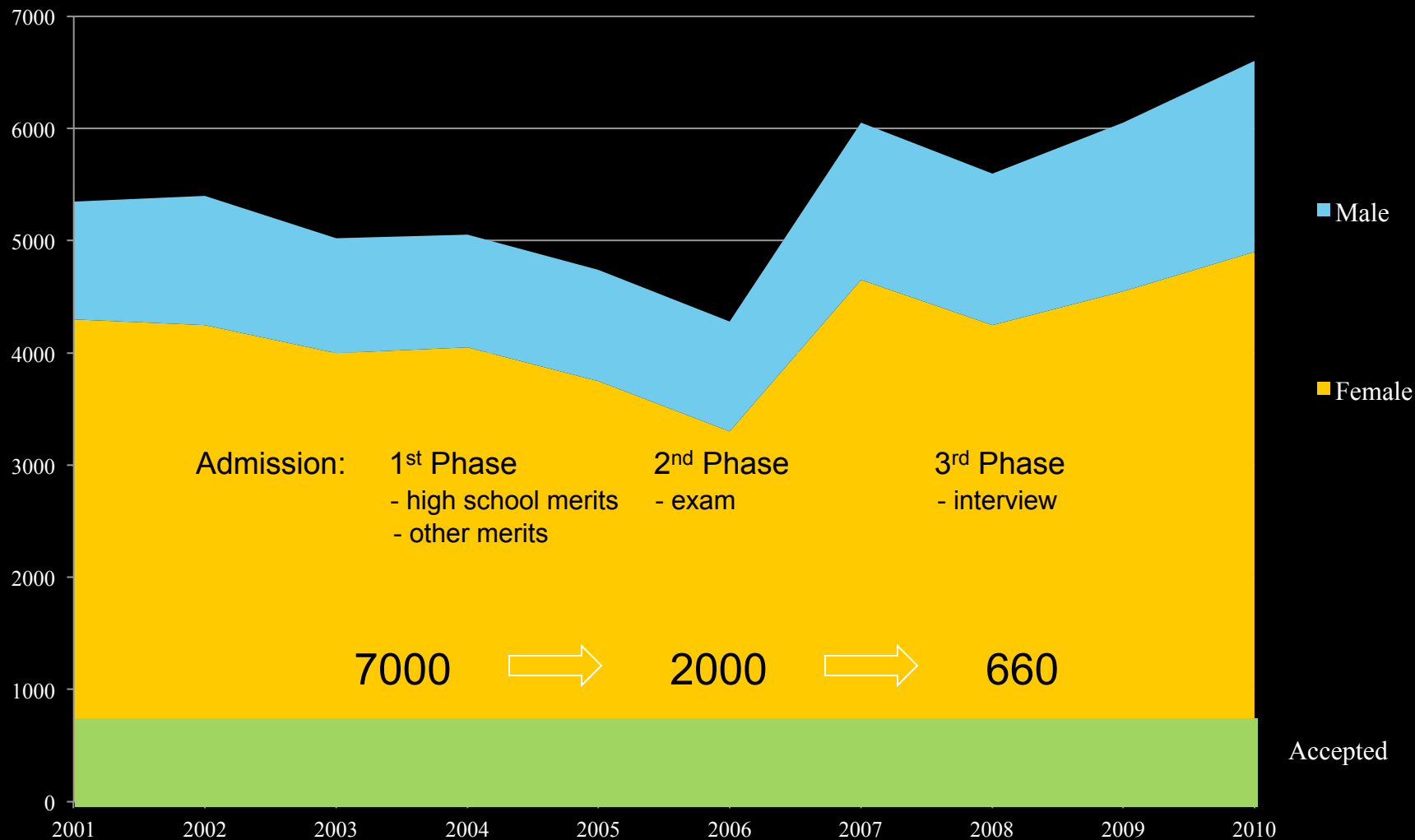
Finnish schools differ less

Variation in student performance in reading (2009)

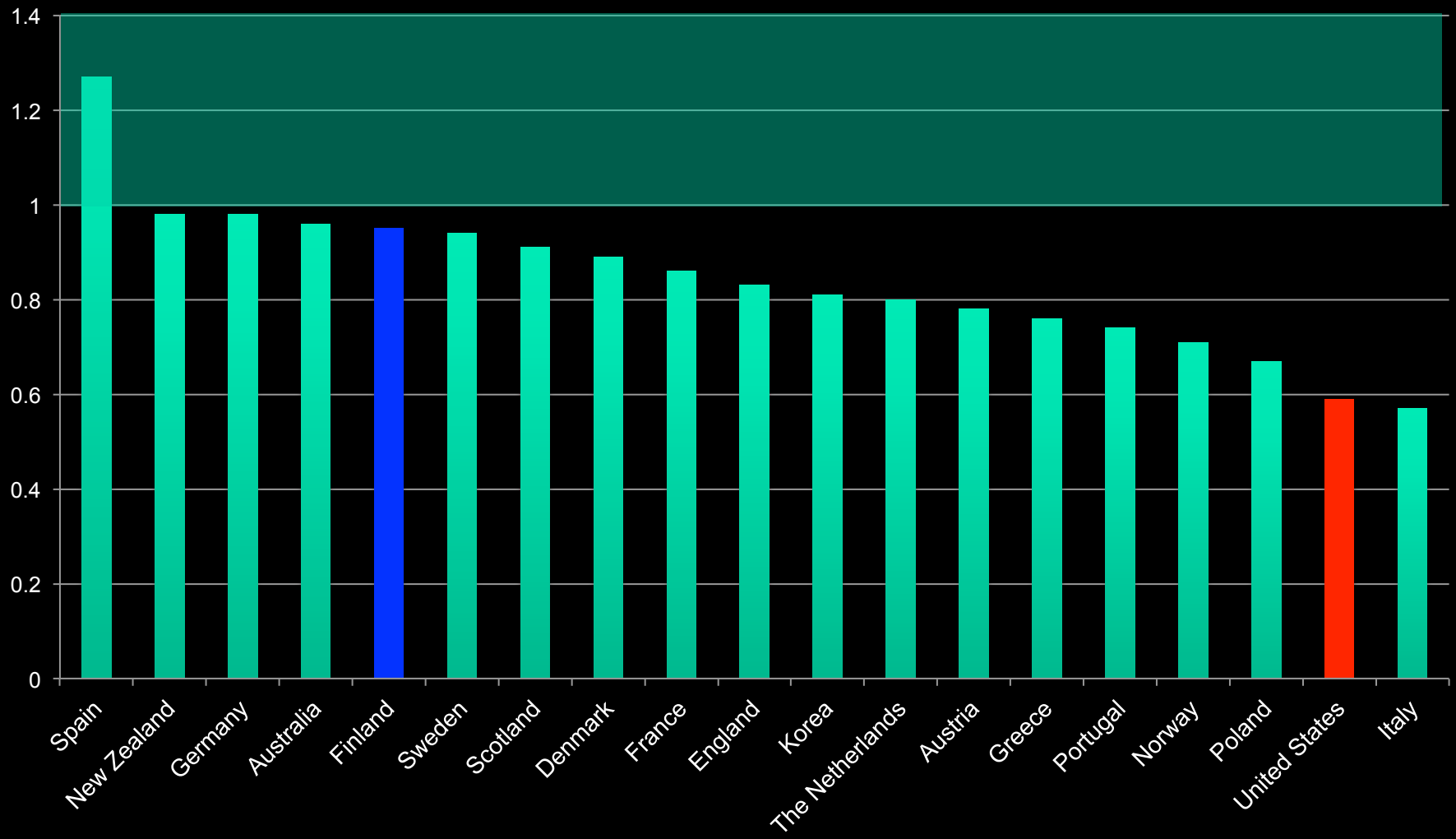


The Finnish Way 3: Teaching is a Dream Job

Applicants to primary school teacher education 2001-10

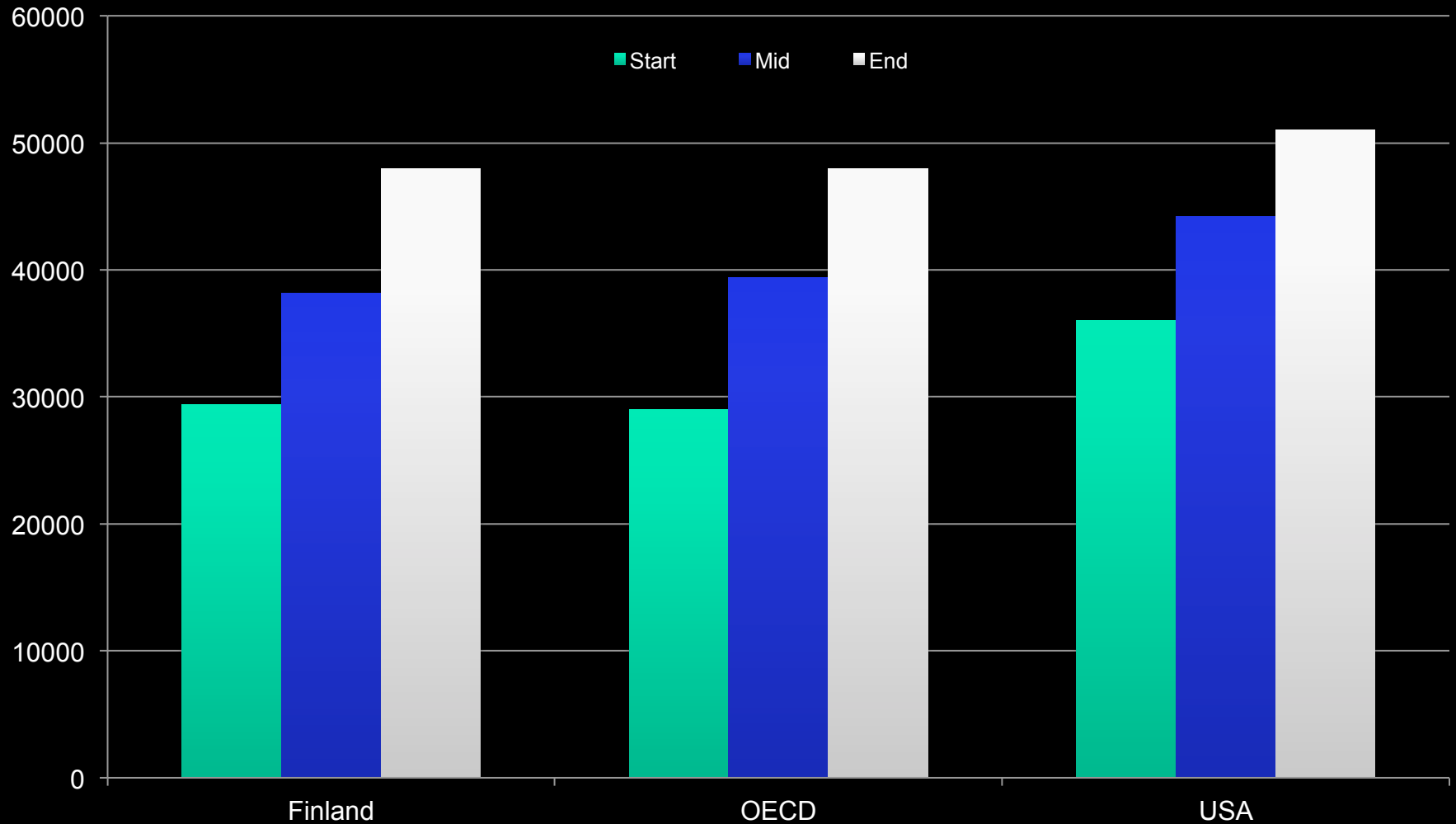


Teacher salaries relative to workers with college degree



Teacher career salary development

Annual statutory salaries in USD (PPP)



OECD 2010



What can we learn from Finland?

Global
Educational
Reform
Movement

Finnish
Way

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Core ~~subjects~~

Holistic learning

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Standardisation

Personalisation

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Competition

Collaboration

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~~Choice~~

Equity

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Technology

Pedagogy

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~~Control~~

Trust



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—**Linda Darling-Hammond**, Charles E. Ducommun Professor of Education and Co-Director of the Stanford Center for Opportunity Policy in Education at Stanford University

"A terrific synthesis by a native Finn, a teacher, a researcher and a policy analyst all rolled up into one excellent writer. Pasi Sahlberg teaches us a great deal about what we need to know before engaging in national educational reforms."

—**David Berliner**, Regents' Professor in the College Of Education at Arizona State University

"Pasi Sahlberg is the best education policy expert to share the Finnish experiences with the international community. I have known him for decades and this book confirms that he is not only a practitioner but also a visionary that we Finns need when searching for the solutions to our educational challenges."

—**Erkki Aho**, Director General (1973 – 1991), Finnish National Board of Education

"This book is a wake-up call for the U.S. Finland went from mediocre academic results to one of the top performers in the world. And, they did it with minimal testing, teacher unions, national collaboration, and elevating teaching to a high-status calling. This is the antidote to the NCLB paralysis."

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